



# Council offices could be turned into £20 million development

FLATS or luxury apartments worth £20 million could be generated if the council sells its North Quay offices site in Weymouth for development.

That was the message from local estate agents who talked to the *View* about the future of the offices which were recently flagged up with the Guildhall and Pavilion complex as being among areas the council was considering getting rid of as part of tough 2013-2014 budget decisions.

Director Mark Bonnett of Hull, Gregson & Hull felt marketing the council offices site could gener-

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ate a development for up to 100 flats with shops and parking on the ground floor.

He said: "The site is ideal for flats and some commercial use such as shops. It could accommodate up to 100 flats depending on the type of development proposed and, with a rough guideline of £200,000 per flat, you would be talking about a £20 million development.

"It is a prime site and the only potential prob-

lems are the retaining wall at the back, footings and flood risk. It also depends on what else is under the site. If there are mains services there it will be an issue."

He added that it was a shame the Pavilion complex potentially faced demolition "because once it goes it's gone".

He added: "That said, if it is demolished, you are into big money shoring up the edges. If all this can be done then it is an amazing development

opportunity for someone."

Fox & Sons branch manager Damian Bastin agreed and said: "Flats would almost certainly be favourite from a development point of view for the council offices site.

"It is a prime quality site, a fantastic location, and you could be talking about a £20 million development.

"Including shops is a possibility, particularly if you look at what they have done in Dorchester, while the Pavilion site might be suitable for luxury apartments and a shopping complex. There is an existing need for a theatre and a small one could be incorporated within such a development."

Goadsby's branch manager Alex Townsend also thought the council offices site could generate a £20 million development but for different reasons.

He said: "This is a prime harbourside location for a landmark development which lends itself to luxury apartments such as the Quay West development at West Bay.

"You probably wouldn't want to have more than 40-50 apartments at an average of



■ THE council offices viewed from Chapelhay towards the harbour

£500,000 each with their own gardens and grounds, all aimed at rich second home owners.

"If you overstock the

site you devalue it, most definitely, although something like a restaurant or a bistro would fit in as well and help the

development.

"The Pavilion complex site is a different ball game. It has the potential to be brilliant but it needs

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## BARBARA AUSTIN MBE

Passed away peacefully in hospital on the 29th December 2012, aged 80 years.  
Beloved wife of the late Norman. Much loved mother of Jane, Richard, David, Kerry and Adam and a loving nan and great-nan.  
Funeral Service to be held at The Parish Church of St. Michael The Archangel, Lyme Regis, on Thursday 10th January at 11.00am  
Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for the Over 70's Christmas Lunch or The Christmas Lights Fund may be given at the Service or sent c/o W. G. Potter Funeral Directors, William Potter House, 5 West Street, Axminster, EX13 5NX.

**BORN in Cambridge, Jake Reilly trained as a cabinet maker in Hackney, London, before moving to Blandford Forum in Dorset.**

**He made bespoke furniture and fitted kitchens before becoming factory manager for a company making eco-house kits. The 44-year-old is now production manager for renowned shepherd hut makers Plankbridge.**

**He now lives in Dorchester with his wife and two sons.**

### ● WHAT does your job entail?

My job entails overseeing our workshop and team of eight hut-makers, ensuring that each bespoke hut is built and finished on schedule and to the exacting standards that our customers expect. I also have to build huts myself so the job has a good variety.

### ● WHY are shepherds huts so popular?

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They can be used as a garden room for enjoying a view, as a spare room for guests, as a home office or artists retreat, a teenagers den or a bolt hole for a quiet cup of tea away from the clamour of modern life.

### ● HOW much work goes into them?

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### ● HAVE you always liked building things?

I have always made things with wood, from helping my dad build bookshelves as a boy, to making dens and tree houses and then training as a cabinet maker. It is immensely satisfying to see a project through from be-



ginning to end and to know that all the work has been done by you.

### ● IS living/work space becoming increasingly important to people?

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space from the house to do so. They may need the room in the house for a growing family and a hut allows them to continue without the expense of renting office space. The hut can always be changed internally if requirements change.

### ● WHAT is the most interesting living space you have ever seen?

In the mid 90s I travelled round Europe with a group of friends and met many British travellers in vehicles that they had converted such as a Panorama Coach which I helped build a kitchen for. Probably the most amazing was a removals lorry that had been converted into a beautiful home for a family of four. It had a fold-down balcony made from the tailgate, a boot room, a kitchen area, a sitting area with a wood burner, a sleeping pod for the kids and up a spiral staircase built out of old school desks complete with lifting lids for storage and the parents' bed area. I would love to take an old vehicle and convert it in to a living space complete with lots of clever storage and space saving ideas myself.

### ● WHAT do you like about living in Dorset?

Having moved from East London we have never regretted it or wanted to return. West Dorset is such a beautiful part of the world, with such a variety of great beaches and walks, great country pubs, delicious local beers and friendly people.

### ● WHAT do you hope for 2013?

In 2013 I hope to help Plankbridge build on the successes of the last several years. I would like to start playing badminton again after an injury has kept me away for a few months. All the usual resolutions; get fit, lose weight etc. but also to do more exploring in Dorset.

### ● WHAT objects do you always carry with you?

I always carry my phone and my Leatherman Wave multi-tool, which my sons bought for my birthday 2 years ago. I use it every single day at work and now feel lost without it.

### ● WHO would play you in the biopic movie of your life?

I asked my so called friends who might play me in the biopic of my life and got Danny De Vito, Brad Pitt and Martin Clunes! Make of that what you will.

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## MBE for the man who masterminded Weymouth's Olympic preparations

HEAD of Weymouth and Portland 2012 Operations Simon Williams has received an MBE in the New Year Honours list.

The man who helped mastermind a thousand and one local preparations for when the Greatest Show on Earth visited Weymouth and Portland received his honour for "Services to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games".

Mr Williams told the *View*: "This is a huge honour for me but, more importantly, it is recognition by London that Dorset delivered."

"Receiving the MBE is something I will treasure for many years to come."

"I feel the award reflects a successful partnership of many local authorities, the emergency services, the Olympic authorities and the ambassadors, all working really closely together to deliver a successful event in Weymouth and Portland."

"The council provided the Nothe Gardens as the first ever Olympic ticketed site for sailing and that provided the setting for some fantastic television viewing."

Mr Williams added that getting an MBE was a complete surprise for him.

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He said: "I had other things on my mind during the summer but being contacted and told about the MBE is something I will never forget."

Mr Williams said he is now focussing on ensuring that Weymouth, Portland and Dorset capitalises on the Olympic legacy.

He added: "Borough councillors will be considering a report next Tuesday (January 8th) into a proposed legacy action plan." *see page 5*

● AMONG other honours was a British Empire Medal for 78-year-old retired teacher Brenda Bonwell from Wyke Regis, Weymouth, for services to charity.

She works tirelessly as founder and chairman of Weymouth and Portland Friends Group for Julia's House Children's Hospice.

In 2011 she was presented with a certificate to mark £100,000 worth of fundraising by the Friends which she started in 2007.



■ MBE: Simon Williams (right) with Seb Coe in Weymouth during the summer

## Limited time to apply for primary school places

TIME is running out to apply for a primary school place

If your child is starting school in September 2013, you have until the middle of January to apply for a place.

If your child was born between September 1st 2008 and August 31st 2009, you should apply for a reception place by completing an application form by January 15th 2013. If your child is due to move to a junior or middle school, you must also apply by January 15th 2013.

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Councillor Toni Coombs, cabinet member for children's services at Dorset County Council, said: "It is very important that you apply by January 15th to make sure that your application is dealt with on time."

"We have tried to make the process as easy as possible and our parents' guide has all the information to help you submit your application. Our webpages also provide details on the application process, plus individual schools and links to Ofsted reports."

If you apply online you will be able to view the outcome online on 16 April 2013 (primary, middle and junior applications).

In all cases a letter with the outcome of your application will be posted to you first class on this date.

To find out more visit [www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions) or call 01305 221060.

## Local artist appointed for Weymouth Gateway site

A DORSET artist has been appointed to carry out a public art commission at the Weymouth Gateway site.

Andy Kirkby, who lives in Moreton near Dorchester, fought off tough competition from 38 other UK and international artists, with five being shortlisted to attend interviews at New Look's new offices on Mercery Road.

Artists were invited to apply in November to design and create a new scheme of public art which will sit at the Weymouth Gateway site on Mercery Road.

The Weymouth and Portland community will have its input into the scheme with the artist planning a creative workshop soon to engage with local schoolchildren to share their ideas and make models, some of which will be shown at a public exhibition to be held in early March.

A blog is also expected to be set up so people can put forward their suggestions, comments and feedback on ideas for the artwork. It is also hoped links with Weymouth College's art department could also prove productive.

Mr Kirkby is renowned for combining the classical and contemporary in his work and recently created the Sea Road Public Art Trail in Boscombe.

He says he is looking forward to meeting local people at a public meeting set to be held in January where he hopes to gather important local key themes and aspirations for



■ ANDY Kirkby at work

the design from the Weymouth and Portland community.

More information about the public exhibition, meetings and further engagement will be made available in the New Year.

Mr Kirkby said: "This initial creative engagement with local people has always been a vital part of my past projects, public art should be just that - 'public' - accessible and relevant to the location and its residents."

Weymouth and Portland culture spokesman Councillor Ian Bruce, a member of the panel which selected Mr Kirby said: "I am delighted he is going to be producing the public art for the Weymouth Gateway, New Look and Sainsbury's site."

"The Commissioning Panel had

proposals from nearly 40 artists and detailed presentations from a shortlist of five. Andy was our unanimous choice and I was particularly pleased that it was a local artist who won through from such a talented and experienced group of applicants."

The art will be situated at the Mercery Road development which includes a new Sainsbury's, Whitbread restaurant and hotel and New Look Support Centre.

Fashion retailer New Look is funding the whole project as part of its planning agreement while Weymouth and Portland council is guiding the scheme.

New Look staff moved into their new offices in November with the new Whitbread restaurant and hotel expected to open in February and works on the new Sainsbury's store due to begin shortly.

The artist's brief says the commission must make a positive, innovative and integrated contribution to the regeneration of the area which will attract both residents and visitors. It must be accessible, easy to maintain, robust, durable and, as far as possible, sustainably-produced.

The brief for the design is open and could include a stand alone sculpture, land forms, street furniture or an audio-visual digital installation.

Any final design would need to be relevant to the Weymouth Gateway site and the borough's historical, cultural and environmental characteristics.

## Sex attack on 60 year old woman

TWO men have been arrested after a 60-year-old woman suffered an alleged "serious sexual assault" in the Westham area of Weymouth.

Detectives are appealing for witnesses to the incident, which happened in the early evening of Friday, December 21st, to come forward.

Police say a man assaulted the woman at a house just off Radipole Lane near to Hereford Road.

A police cordon was put in place and an examination was carried out by specialist crime scene investigators.

Detective Inspector Neil Devoto, of the Major Crime Team, said: "This was a nasty, unprovoked attack on a 60-year-old woman."

"It is likely that there were members of the public in the vicinity of Radipole Lane and Hereford Road around the time this unknown offender carried out this callous act."

"I am very keen to speak to anyone who may have noticed a man acting suspiciously and knocking on doors in the area prior to, or after the incident took place."

"I stress that all calls to Dorset Police are treated with the strictest confidence."

Two men have been arrested and are currently helping police with their enquiries.

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset Police in confidence on 101 quoting incident number 21:475 or call the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111.

## Christmas visit to lifeboat station

DEPUTY Mayor Councillor Ray Banham and his escort Councillor Pam Nixon visited Weymouth Lifeboat Station on Christmas Day morning to meet the volunteers of the RNLI lifeboat crews.

Mr Banham said: "I am very pleased to visit the crews and to wish them all a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year."

"They are a dedicated group who are prepared to give up their time 365 days a year to help those in danger at sea."

Both councillors spent some time talking to the crews and joining them in a festive drink before going on down the road to the harbour swim.

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Su started preparing the 20 Christmas cakes for the wards back in September and iced them to be ready for Christmas Day. She also prepared 800 portions of Christmas pudding for the festive season.

Su is pictured here with Catering Services Manager Derrick Stevens and Head Chef Richard Stokes.

Mr Stevens said: "Su has worked really hard to prepare the cakes and puddings and this is the first year they have all been made in-house. She's done a fantastic job.

"Every ward will receive a cake on Christmas Day as part of our efforts to make the wards as homely as possible over the festive period for patients who have to stay in hospital."

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## Transfer of libraries to communities begins

THE TAKEOVER of some of Dorset's libraries is starting in the coming days – after the county council cut budgets and decided it could no longer afford to run them.

Puddletown will lead the way on 7th January with dates also agreed for the transfer of Chickerell, Wool, Colehill and Stalbridge who will all take over the buildings and running of the service early in the new year.

Burton Bradstock Library and Charmouth Library have already taken over the lease of the buildings, and the transfer of the full service will take place in January and February.

The libraries will be independent and self-governed, but supported with books, staffing and IT services from Dorset County Council in a deal worth £5,500 for each library each year.

Books and public access computers will be provided by the council's library service.

Library users will still use the same library card both at the community libraries and council run libraries, and they can continue to access e-books, on-line reference resources via [www.dorsetforyou.com/libraries](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/libraries).

Talking books, CDs or DVDs will be available through the council's request service or from any county council managed library. Reading Groups and Home Library Service will also continue as part of the council's services.

There may be changes to the opening hours at some of the community run libraries as the volunteers plan to

extend opening hours or change opening times to better meet local needs.

Councillor Hilary Cox, cabinet member for community services, said: "I am very pleased that by working together in partnership and through careful listening and constructive negotiation, we have now finalised dates for local communities to take over the responsibility for running seven libraries with support from Dorset County Council.

"The county council appreciates the local leadership and hard work that has been done. This innovative approach is good for local communities, while helping us to manage our reduced budget, which we have to do. I would like to thank all the volunteers for coming forward."

Graham Lee, Chairman of Ad Lib (Association of Friends of Dorset Libraries) said, "16 months ago, eight community libraries located throughout the county were faced with the stark choice of being closed through the lack of funding or managing the libraries themselves.

"The response of the community which are volunteers to this challenge has been remarkable. We are at least near the end of the negotiations designed not only to give the libraries and sound start but also a secure future.

The transfer of the seven community libraries will contribute towards the £725,000 savings required from the library service budget.

# Looking for a long term Olympic legacy

KEY aspects of celebrations for this summer's Olympic and Paralympic Games could be repeated in Weymouth and Portland for years to come.

Councillors are to discuss the possibility of making spectaculars such as people wading out into Weymouth Bay carrying flaming torches a regular annual event at a management committee meeting on January 8th.

Among the projects being put forward as a priority include developing a 2013 Summer to Remember Festival with beach sports arena, live site, ambassadors and torch wading and investigating whether a small part of Weymouth seafront could be pedestrianised in the summer with more cycle parking provided.

Members will also consider ensuring that contacts are continued with 500 business leaders who visited during Games time and supporting the continued regeneration of Osprey Quay with the site owners, the Homes and Communities Agency, capitalising on the land available and great connectivity.

Other ideas include working with national tourism agencies to capitalise on the global Games time TV coverage of Weymouth and Portland and Dorset, working with others to develop and promote outdoor activities, sports, heritage and cultural tourism themes and developing an ambassador operation with local volunteer centres.

Weymouth and Portland management committee chairman Council-

lor Mike Goodman said: "Achieving long-term legacy benefits from being a host venue for the Olympic and Paralympic sailing events has always been a top priority for the local councils. We have already secured many significant benefits but the plan is to continue.

"The tough financial situation facing councils means we must focus on a number of priorities that have a realistic chance of being delivered and which deliver the biggest legacy benefits for local people and businesses.

"This means increasing participation in sport and the arts as well as attracting businesses and people who will spend money in the area, all providing a boost for the local economy."

The report, including existing legacy benefits and listing all potential legacy actions and the ten top priorities is to be considered by councillors on January 8th.

Local councils have also produced a book - A Summer to Remember - which captures, in photographs, the real atmosphere of the Games in Weymouth and Portland, Dorset. Priced £7.99, it is available from Weymouth and Portland Borough Council reception, Weymouth Tourist Information Centre, WH Smith (Weymouth and Dorchester), Waterstones (Dorchester) and directly from [www.dovecotepress.com](http://www.dovecotepress.com).

## Arts, crafts and a January sale at Chesil Beach centre

NEW Year is offering some exciting wildlife events and family fun days out at Dorset Wildlife Trust's Fine Foundation Chesil Beach Centre.

The site is having a January sale where a range of gifts, ornaments, books and toys will be available to buy while there will also be an animal arts and crafts activity area for all the creative youngsters who

want to get involved.

The sales will start on Saturday January 5th and continue every day until the Sunday January 13th, running from 10am-4pm.

The centre, with a stunning location on the edge of the Fleet lagoon, is run by Dorset Wildlife Trust on behalf of a partnership including Weymouth and Portland council, the Jurassic Coast Team,

the Chesil Bank and the Fleet Nature Reserve, with the continued help of local volunteers.

DWT Chesil Centre officer Marc Smith said: "Our January sale is a great way to start the new year. Profits from the shop go back into our important conservation work, so come and visit us. Treat yourself and support your local wildlife at the same time!

"This is the first year Chesil has run this January event and it's a great opportunity to visit the newly refurbished centre and discover the wildlife of the Fleet lagoon and world famous Chesil Bank."

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# Braving the waves on Christmas Day



## Alice swims for her dad

RNLI lifeboat volunteer crew member Alice Higgins took part in the Christmas day swim across Weymouth harbour dressed as a crocodile.

She is trying to raise sponsorship for her father, Peter Higgins, to run the London marathon.

He will be taking part in the marathon for the first time and is looking for sponsorship to raise money for the RNLI.

Anyone wishing to sponsor Peter can visit his web site <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/PeterHiggins4250>.

WEMOUTH'S popular Christmas Day cross-harbour swim went ahead despite some anxious moments because of exceptionally heavy rain and flooding.

There were even torrential showers first thing but, come start time, the sun shone and the event went ahead in all its fun filled glory.

As usual, swimming attire varied from bikinis to funny animals, Christmas outfits and even tinsel!

Some 236 swimmers braved the harbour waters in five races, only marginally down from last year's 244 swimmers, and a good humoured crowd turned out to cheer them all on.

A whole range of charities were supported by the swimmers, sponsorship including the Samaritans, with Weymouth and Portland Lions charitable funds benefitting from both the entrance fee and the street collection.

Lions President Richard Burgess said: "The Lions

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Christmas Swim is an important part of Weymouth's festivities and is a real family fun event.

"We had a few anxious hours this year in terms of weather conditions and a few of us were reconciled to getting thoroughly soaked.

"But it all turned out magnificently thanks to the swimmers, the spectators and the good hearted supporters of the event including of course the Harbourmaster and his staff, Pontoonworks for the artificial beach, the Old Rooms Inn for our registration venue, the Canoe Life-guards, White Motorboats and the Friends of MV Freedom -- our support craft --, our voluntary short wave radio suppliers and Atlantic Audio the PA system suppliers."



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# Shackleton expedition gets underway

## (with a little help from Portlanders)



■ SEB COULTHARD and Alexandra Shackleton with the lifeboat at its official launch at Portland in March 2012

AN international expedition saved by Portland community was due to depart yesterday (Jan 2) from Patagonia.

Shackleton Epic is attempting to be the first to authentically re-create Sir Ernest Shackleton's voyage from Elephant Island to South Georgia and the climb over its mountainous interior.

It is only going ahead because of Portland's heroic community spirit which saved the day when a terrible injury threatened work on a replica lifeboat.

Petty Officer Seb Coulthard needed reconstructive surgery on his hand after a power saw accident which meant he couldn't complete work on the expedition's replica lifeboat, the Alexandra Shackleton, named after Shackleton's grand-daughter.

But the people of Portland rallied to an emergency appeal to complete rope splicing, decking, painting and bulkhead work in a magnificent response led by Yvonne Beven of Revive Portland.

Seb is a member of the international team preparing to re-enact Sir Ernest Shackleton's voyage aboard the James Caird lifeboat across the Southern Ocean from Elephant Island to South Georgia.

If they complete the gruelling 800-mile crossing then three men will traverse the interior of South Georgia in an attempt to reach the abandoned whaling station of Stromness where Shackleton raised the alarm during the ill-fated Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition of 1914-17. This journey is often cited as one of the greatest rescue missions in the history of exploration.

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To this day, no-one has been able to replicate Shackleton's 'double', both the boat journey and the mountain crossing.

Seb said: "The response to my appeal has been wonderful. If it hadn't been for Yvonne and the people of Portland this expedition would have had to be postponed. It is people like them who put great back in to Great Britain."

The crew of six expeditioners led by British-Australian adventurer Tim Jarvis, 46, will initially head for King George Island to rendezvous with their expedition vessel, Alexandra Shackleton, the 22.5' replica of the

James Caird lifeboat, before setting sail for Elephant Island and the start of the history making expedition.

Shackleton Epic aims to honour the achievements of Sir Ernest Shackleton and his men in the lead up to the centenary of the expedition (2014-2016) while raising awareness about the impacts of climate change in Antarctica.

Jarvis will be joined in the expedition by five others including British skipper, around the world yachtsman Nick Bubb, 2nd sailor Australian Paul Larsen who recently set a new world speed sailing record, and Brits Mountain Leader WO2 Barry Gray RM, Expedition Bosun Petty Officer Seb Coulthard RN and mountaineer and cameraman Ed Wardle. They hope to complete the expedition by mid-February 2013.



■ THE Alexandra Shackleton takes to the sea at Portland



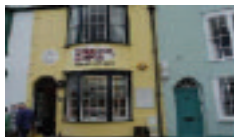
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## Fracking applications could be made in West Dorset

WEYMOUTH solicitors Battens is warning that a Government green light to resume fracking, or hydraulic fracturing, for gas extraction could prompt legal disputes.

Battens chairman David Stephens said opponents of the process were likely to turn to the planning system to object to any proposals put forward by energy companies.

Mr Stephens said Dorset and Somerset could be increasingly in the frame for future fracking applications due to the presence of shale gas in their geological make-up.

His comments follow a government announcement that fracking, which had been suspended for 18 months after earth tremors were felt at a scheme near Blackpool, could restart subject to new controls aimed at reducing environmental risk.

Fracking is so-called because it creates fractures in underground rocks when fluid and chemicals are injected into cracks, allowing gas to be extracted.

While it can boost productivity, opponents point to potential gas leaks, tremors and seepage of toxins into water tables, all risking damage to the countryside and reducing property values.

Mr Stephens said: "Planning permission is required before any fracking can take place and a licence is needed from the Department of Energy and Climate Change. Permission will of course only be sought where, geologically, fracking is likely to yield results.

"In the South West there is a zigzag belt from Minehead to Lyme Regis which makes Somerset, Devon and Dorset all potential targets. The government's green light could therefore open the doors for fresh planning applications and legal disputes."

Somerset and Dorset county councils report no fracking applications registered as yet, but Mr Stephens said the issue could be expected to "run and run".

He added that Battens' planning and construction teams are experts in the procedures of planning law and can advise clients whatever their point of reference on fracking.

# Best film award for school children from Weymouth

YOUNG filmmakers from Weymouth have won Best Film at a prestigious awards ceremony in Bristol for their film *The Helpful Dead*.

Pupils from Wyke Regis Junior School received the award for Best Film by primary age children at the launch of Electric December 2012, a showcase of young filmmaking talent from across Europe, in front of the Lord Mayor and members of the city's thriving media community.

Their animated film - seen by thousands on big screens during the Olympics - was made in the spring by the school's Year Five students working with a team of artists from Dorchester Arts.

Project producer and drama facilitator Sharon Hayden from the artist's group ScreenPLAY said it was a wonderful achievement for the ten year old filmmakers. "We're thrilled their work is being recognised in this way."

"It's the first time any of these children have been to Bristol - and being part of these awards has opened their eyes to some of the opportunities that are out there in our creative industries. Best Film in Electric December could perhaps be a first step on the path to a future career in film!"

Entries included films from across Europe and winners travelled from as far away as Poland for the awards. Best animation went to 20 year old Agnieszka Konarska for her atmospheric film *Hunt* about a Raven and its bid to escape. Best Comedy went to *Taking Out Tim* by Tiverton High School students with *My Pockets*, and Best documentary to *Adrenaline Junky*, a moving film about a motorcyclist regaining his action packed lifestyle after an accident.

Electric December producer Hannah Higginson said the films had all been chosen for their imaginative and distinctive style. "I've been knocked out by the huge amount



■ **BEST FILM:** Henry, Thomas, Tianna and Shannon from Wyke Junior School with Sharon Hayden and Alastair Nisbet from ScreenPLAY, two of the facilitators who worked with them

of flair and talent on show this year. We are committed to developing new talent and it's a joy to see the exciting range of films from across Europe.

All 24 films are on the website [www.electricdecember.org](http://www.electricdecember.org) - including *The Big Splash*, one of the other Dorchester Arts Olympic films by St John's Primary School in Weymouth.

*The Helpful Dead* was based on a real life tragedy and characters in the film were inspired by Victorian works of art in Birmingham and Cambridge. Read about the real people behind the story at [www.screen-play.co.uk](http://www.screen-play.co.uk).

The *Helpful Dead* was funded by the Lottery's First Light initiative with additional support from b-side, Departure Arts and the school itself.

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## Rendezvous at the Kingfisher Ward

WEYMOUTH bar and club Rendezvous raised £130 for Dorset County Hospital's Kingfisher Children's Ward through their Jingle Bell Ball event.

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Mr Treggiden is pictured with six-year-old patient Harry Harrison and play specialist Julie Goodall.



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## The Christian Column

### AS I SEE IT ...

by Geoff Treleven

### Experiencing fear

**M**ANY of us can relate to this heading. People are scared by different things, whether it is mice, spiders, dogs or heights etc.

A lady I knew was concerned about a loose dog. Its name was Caesar, and when the owner called it she was even more fearful. She mistakenly thought he said seize her!

Medical examinations can also be a cause of worry and some avoid them as long as possible. Such an attitude is rather foolish. If there is something wrong, the sooner it is diagnosed and treated the better. If there is no cause for alarm it is good to have this assurance.

A lot of our fears do turn out to be completely unfounded but, at the time of uncertainty, they are very real.

None of us can be absolutely sure what our future holds or how long this life will continue. Although Christians are not exempt from illness and disease, there are many scriptures of support and encouragement.

One of the better known ones is: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4)

If you have a news story or a photo for the View from Weymouth or the View from Portland please call Harry Walton on 01305 787843 or email [hds Walton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hds Walton@yahoo.co.uk)

# Model railway display covers more than 70 years

by Harry Walton  
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SIX layouts and half a mile of track were on display when Weymouth Model Railway Association held its annual open day.

Among displays were ones of Yeovil Pen Mill Station in the 1940s and another layout, Axmouth, which was being publicly displayed for the first time.

Chairman Keith Pratt said: "They were all very good layouts depicting scenes from modern times back to the Second World War.

"We are currently building a small 00 lay-

out which will eventually link up with the Axmouth layout.

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■ LAYOUTS at the Weymouth Model Railway Association open day



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telling people about LighterLife."

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sultants group times and contact details and we will be happy to answer any questions or queries. wishing all members past and present happy new year.



## Ten top tips to help you look and feel your best in this year!

TO help get you started on those small but meaningful changes, here are 10 fast and easy health and beauty resolutions - little things you can do to positively change the way you feel - and the way you look - in 2012! Try one - or all ten - and you'll see the difference before spring!

**1. Never go to bed wearing make-up.** No matter how tired you are, no matter how late it is, take just two minutes to slather on and tissue off a facial cleanser and your skin will thank you. Not only will it help remove surface bacteria that could encourage break-outs, most make up is drying to the skin so removing it will help reduce wrinkling while you sleep. If you can squeeze in 30 more seconds for a quick application of moisturiser, you'll see a definite difference in your face in 7 days or less!

**2. Never leave the house without sunscreen on your face.** I know... you've heard it all before. But I promise you that taking this two minute step will not only yield enormous health benefits (like reducing your risk of skin cancer) it's also the single most important anti aging skin care step you can take. It's true - the sun IS the number one cause of wrinkles and aging skin. And sunscreen - well it's the biggest

gun in your wrinkle defense arsenal! To make using it easy and automatic, look for either a moisturiser or a foundation with an SPF 15.

**3. Protect your lips - and look younger!** Protect your pucker with a lip gloss or balm containing sunscreen. When lips are hydrated and protected they will automatically look fuller - and you'll look younger! You can capitalise on the protection if you swap out a matte lipstick for a high wattage gloss in a medium warm pink tone.

**4. Whiten your teeth.** If you haven't done it yet, this is the one resolution you MUST try! Not only is it the quickest, most inexpensive way to take years off your appearance, it can boost your confidence and give you that polished, well groomed look.

**5. Clean out your make-up bag/ bathroom drawer/ vanity -** and throw away any products you've had more than a year. Not only can this help prevent potentially serious eye or skin infections, it will force you to re-evaluate your make up needs - and every woman needs to do that at least once a year! When you head out to the stores to buy items, step out of the box to try a new colour or a new make up product

**6. Keep up with your hair colouring.**

If you're wearing a shade you just can't bear to change, make sure you touch up those roots every 4 weeks. If the time - or the expense - doesn't permit that kind of attention, then think about having your hair professionally highlighted and low lighted - a mixture of many shades and tones of basic colors like honey blonde, or chestnut brown. The look lasts for up to six months without a touch up.

**7. Trade in your shower gel for a moisturising bar of soap.** Did you ever wonder why the ingredients label on your shower gel is two inches long and filled with chemical terms you can't pronounce - while the ingredients on an average bar of beauty soap is just one sentence? Most gels contain chemicals, dyes, foaming agents, and lots of drying alcohol - all things your skin doesn't need. Try a daily shower with a moisturising soap instead - and see your entire body complexion come alive in just 14 days or less. And - you'll save money too!

**8. Wear a bronzer all year long.** Most women think of a powder bronzer as a summertime treat. Just a quick pouf of powder on the bridge of your nose, the tops of your cheeks, and round the outer rim of your forehead will give you a glow.

**9. Take a calcium/vitamin D supplement every day.** While many women believe calcium is only important if you're pregnant - or post menopausal - the truth is women of all ages need this vital mineral to maintain a strong and healthy skeleton - and protect against broken bones. What you may not realise: Studies show women in their 20's need this protection as much as women in their 50's! But that's not all! The latest research shows getting adequate calcium may also help keep skin looking younger longer! And since we're all staying out the sun, the vitamin D is essential to make sure the calcium you take is absorbed. Try it for a month - you'll see a difference!

**10. Wear fragrance every day!** Even if you're just spending the day doing laundry or cleaning the bathroom, studies show that wearing your favourite fragrance is a great way to lift your mood and keep energy levels high. Starting your day with a dousing of fragrance will also make you feel special - and that can affect how you act and react during the entire day. If you can't afford to use your favourite pricey designer fragrance every day, look for scented body lotions or anoint your pulse points with a fragrant bath oil.

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# Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

## Happy New Year to you all and make sure there's a glass to see you through

ALL that soppy kissing under the mistletoe is over, so hands up those of you who tore wrapping paper apart to get at a tasteful pair of socks with Santa and Rudolph on.

Or were you lucky enough to get a perfume which filled the entire room with the romantic scent of boiling brussel sprouts?

Yes, Christmas and New Year are finished, Twelfth Night is just a few days away and it is time to sit down and shakily count the cost.

Our Christmas Day began not with peace and goodwill but with trouble and strife.

First we got a 7.23am phone call from an electronic voice leaving a message which we had to ring a number to be told "Merry Christmas" which further detective work revealed came from a mobile number with access denied.

While I was still fuming over that I discovered that the kitchen sink had become blocked, so I had to dismantle plumbing un-

derneath, clear the blockage and reassemble everything, all the while directing dark thoughts at whichever commercial outlet had woken me up in the first place.

I soon got my first Christmas present from my family which was a sauna, a bit extravagant but then it was so cheap for them to buy. All they did was put on saucepan after saucepan to boil vegetables for our Christmas meal and then shove me into the kitchen to look after them in clouds of steam. Good job I had a gin and tonic to see me through.

I'd already survived dealing with Christmas tree lights on the blink. Why is it always the last bulb you tighten which reveals itself to be the problem? Still, I managed it in the end while eating a mince pie although the wreckage from the decorations drew a few tight-lipped comments from my wife and Merry Christmas! wasn't one of them. Good job I had a glass of sherry to see me through.

Christmas Day advanced to reveal itself as one of the better conjuring tricks as umpteen dishes were prepared and gradually came together in a chaotic clashing of tureen lids, splashed gravy and the slow and reverent carving of the turkey.

### Ostrich on steroids

This noble bird, seemingly related to an ostrich on steroids, developed a mind of its own and actually had to be wrestled on to the carving area before delicious steaming slices curled away from the knife and on to plates whose pattern disappeared under mounds of potatoes, chipolata sausages, bread sauce, sprouts and parsnips. Serving was exhausting work. Good job I had a glass of wine to see me through.

Then came sharply exploding crackers, puddings to suit all tastes, lashings of cream and the slow descent into a dozy state rudely interrupted by the clearing of the table.

The afternoon passed in peaceful contem-

plation of some TV offering or other, the opening of presents and the feeling that all is right with the world. Then came Christmas cake, the realisation that I'd put my party hat on upside down and the passing round of steaming cups of tea. Good job I had a steaming glass of mulled wine to see me through.

All too soon guests were leaving and the big day ended with a check that doors were locked and Christmas tree lights switched off, a square of light from the hallway catching a fallen Christmas card and a forgotten half-eaten slice of Christmas cake on a plate.

Boxing Day dawned to a mountain of washing up which was briskly dealt with ahead of breakfast and a breather for a much needed break and a mice pie ahead of another gargantuan meal of cold turkey, a large ham joint, bubble and squeak and all the trimmings. Good job I had a nice glass of bubbly to see me through.

And so it went on, the next few days being slightly less frenetic before a marathon clear-up and cleaning operation ahead of welcoming guests round for New Year's Eve.

Once again the table groaned under piles of food from quiches and pork pie to chutney, pickled onions, ham, jacket potatoes, and a dozen side dishes and nibbles.

Games were played such as switching all the lights off and sitting there in the dark to try and guess how a politician felt to more cerebral activities such as tidlywinks for chocolates.

Then finally it was midnight and time to kiss goodbye to 2012 and welcome 2013. Good job I had a glass of champagne to see me through, but then everyone else did as well!

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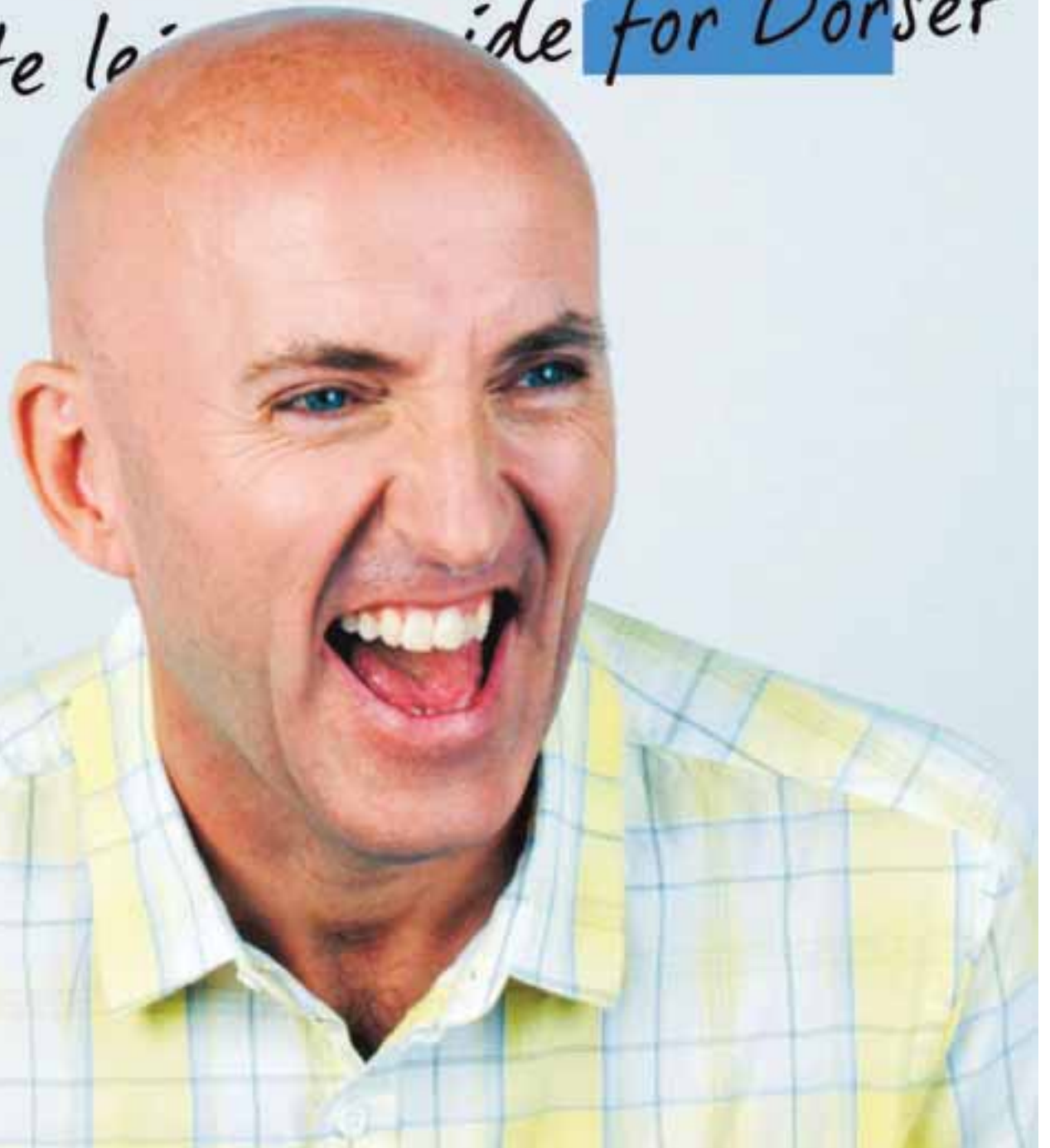
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## View 2 Diary Dates

## FRIDAY JANUARY 4TH

**BRIDPORT:** Deer Management in Dorset, an illustrated talk for the West Dorset group of the Dorset Wildlife Trust, by Jan Andrews, Professional Deer Manager/Consultant, Roebuck Deer Management. From 7.30pm at Bridport United Church Hall, East Street. £2 for members, £3 for non-members, for more details call 01308 423442 for more details.

## SUNDAY JANUARY 6TH

**DORCHESTER:** The Dorchester French Circle invites you to the next meeting of their 2012-2013 season. From 3 pm at the Wessex Royale Hotel, High West Street, Dorchester. We will celebrate the New Year together with a delicious afternoon tea in elegant surroundings. The cost will be members £7.50, visitors £10. To book your place please phone our President Valerie Collings on 01305 833164 or Robin Howes on 01305 854025. For further information and to see our full programme please visit our website [www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org](http://www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org)

## MONDAY JANUARY 7TH

**DORCHESTER:** U3A Monthly Meeting including 'stalls' displaying details of many of our Groups - ideal for giving potential but also existing members information on the scope of our activities. Coffee / tea available. Limited parking. All retired / semi-retired welcome. At Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Culliford Road from 10am-12noon. For more details call 01305 250347.

## TUESDAY JANUARY 8TH

**BEAMINSTER:** Beaminster and District Camera Club: Critique of Yeovil DVD. Agree subject for Kingswood Salver 2013. At Beaminster Museum from 7.30pm. Telephone Harry Worthington on 01308 862453 for more details.

## Time Travelling Magicians

*Morgan & West: Magicians, Time Travellers and all-round spiffing chaps!*



AS PART of Artsreach's autumn programme, Victorian magicians Morgan & West stormed their way around the county, baffling audiences with their award-winning show. Now this magic duo who were crowned winners of ITV's 'Penn & Teller Fool Us' are back this spring bringing their magical extravaganza to a millennium near you. Stuffed to the brim with laughs, gasps and audience interaction, and brimming over with baffling magic and unparalleled precognitive powers, this pair of temporal tricksters burst into the 21st century with their trademark mixture of magic, wit and whimsy. Lauded by Paul Daniels and a huge hit at Edinburgh Festival 2011, Morgan & West's award-winning stage show 'Time Travelling Magicians' is suitable for all the family.

For a hugely entertaining night out, don't miss the chance to catch this pair of Victorian time travellers at a village hall near you this month. Blink and you'll miss it! Early booking is recommended

The duo will perform at the following village halls in January: Shipton St George, Wednesday, 16th (telephone 01308 897562 for more details and tickets); Evershot, Thursday 17th (01935 83471); Cerne Abbas, Saturday, 19th (01300 341332); and Martinstown on Sunday, 20th (01305 889963)

## View 2 Diary Dates

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Regis Art Society. A demonstration of painting a portrait in Oil paints by Mike Bragg at Woodmead Halls, 2 - 4 p.m. Non-members welcome for admission of £4. Call Sheila on 01297 442166 for more information.

## THURSDAY JANUARY 10TH

**DORCHESTER:** Plant Heritage Dorset Group AGM at 7.00pm followed at 7.30 by 'Galanthus, a Winter Favourite' an illustrated talk by Alan Street, the Snowdrop expert from the respected, Somerset based Avon Bulbs. 10th January in the Conference Room, Kingston Mauward College, Nr Dorchester. Visitors welcome (£2.50, Students £1.00 at the door). Details from Peter on 01305 772533 and on the NCCPG website.

## MONDAY JANUARY 14TH

**DORCHESTER:** The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship will meet in the Lecture Theatre, Dorset County Hospital at 2.30 pm when Marilyn Tite will be showing her Australian Photos. New members welcome.

## THURSDAY JANUARY 17TH

**FORDINGTON:** South Dorset RSPB group meeting. Phil Farrer will give a talk entitled 'Mongolia - Mountain, Steppe and Desert'. At St Georges Hall, from 7.30pm. Admission is £2.50 for group members, or £3 for visitors. Admission price includes coffee.

## FRIDAY JANUARY 18TH

**BROADMAYNE:** Market at St Martin's Community Hall from 2-3.30pm. Raffle, craft, plants, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local Sausages, Lamb & eggs, Local watercress, Plants from local Nursery, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

## Brain Gym

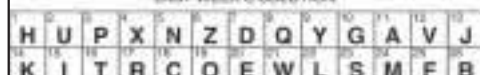
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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



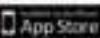
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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

- Direct mail (7)
- A group of directions on the ship (8)
- Consider as belonging to a biblical writer (7)
- A sort of words from one in the commercial world (6)
- Tell in detail about what comes at the end (6)
- Already engaged but not forthcoming (6)
- Points and numbers of fundamental importance (8)
- See 18 Down
- Small covers are strangely silent (6)
- Unusually astute about right kind of bearing (7)
- Wearing fewer clothes - let that be a warning (6)
- Cunning method for making a valued feature (7)

## Down

- Actress upset by those who assign the parts? (7)
- Raw materials in caudron of lowest value (7)
- He does a deal when revolutionary painting is put up (5)
- Diana's request causes confusion (8)
- This answer won't be often found (6)
- Surrender and refer to arbitration (6)
- He sees one with a queen (6)
- To arouse passion in shocking scene (7)
- A hundred going bankrupt and ceasing to do business (7)
- Make a savage attack on games player (6)
- Make a rough plan of southern vessel (6)
- 19 and 20 Ac. - it may be formally assumed by the consumer (6-6)

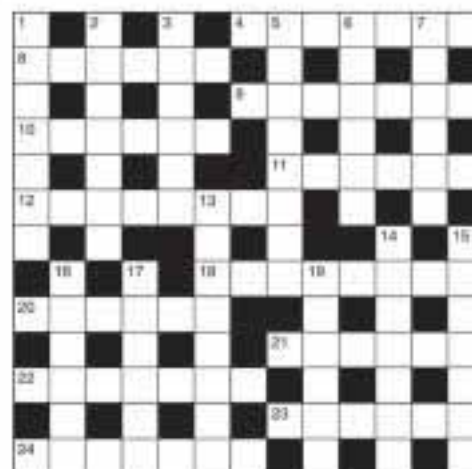
## Quick Clues:

## Across

- Latitude (7)
- Scout (6)
- Modify (7)
- Small (6)
- Concur (6)
- Runescape (6)
- Yew (6)
- Renowned (6)
- Frightened (6)
- Scorn (7)
- Jail (6)
- Department (7)

## Down

- Rival (7)
- Control (7)
- Gambol (6)
- Flatterer (6)
- Overstake (6)
- Insult (6)
- Nagging (6)
- Feeling of sickness (7)
- Principal (7)
- Well (6)
- Marvel (6)
- Tell (6)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Stand to lose; 8 Ann; 10 Apportion; 11 Lanes; 13 Shellaw; 14 Notice; 16 Ashore; 18 Look-out; 19 Sum up; 20 Suspense; 21 Em; 22 Left-handers. Down: 2 Ten; 3 Neat; 4 Typist; 5 Larkle; 6 Sell room; 7 Mailing list; 8 Snow-leopard; 12 Rehearse; 13 Glasses; 17 Stalk; 18 Shred; 21 Ear. QUICK - Across: 1 Countenance; 3 Off; 10 Elevation; 11 City; 13 Pledge; 14 Reaper; 16 Bored; 18 Aspects; 19 Split; 20 Calculator; 21 Art; 22 Bitterness. Down: 2 Out; 3 Needy; 4 Exempt; 5 A la mode; 6 Childlike; 7 Concordance; 8 Incredibly; 12 Traveller; 15 Enrich; 17 Scrawl; 19 Shave; 21 Ask.

## Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;



## Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

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The letter represented by the question mark is 'e'. Suburban, Boasting, Territorial, all English poets.



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## FROM GRAPPELLI TO VIVALDI

The Tim Kliphuis Trio perform at five Artsreach dates later this month



DUTCHMAN Tim Kliphuis breathes new life into existing styles with his high-energy brand of Classical, Gypsy Jazz, Celtic and World music. His improvised sound is totally new, yet steeped in tradition.

Classically trained and widely regarded as the inheritor of the Stéphane Grappelli crown, Kliphuis first made his name playing with the fiery European gypsy guitarists but soon developed a more personal style taking him to classical, jazz and folk venues around the world.

The Tim Kliphuis Trio takes the Grappelli style forward several masterful steps with its inspired and deliciously effervescent mix of styles. Their electrifying performances have made them firm favourites on the festival scene and highlights include the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, North Sea & Edinburgh Jazz Festivals, Richard Strauss Festival & Fiddles On Fire. Artsreach are excited to be bringing such an exhilarating trio to Dorset; don't miss them this January!

The Tim Kliphuis Trio come to Dorset as part of the 2013 Artsreach season, playing the following venues: Ashmore Village Hall, Wednesday, January 16th, 7.30pm (telephone 01747 811364 for more details); Melbury Osmond Village Hall, Thursday, January 17th, 7.30pm (01935 83410); St John's Church, Hinton Martel Friday, January 18th, 7.30pm (01258 840569); St Peter's Church, West Knighton, Saturday, January 19th, 7.30pm (01305 854205); and Studland Village Hall, Sunday, January 20th, 7.30pm (01929 450204).

## Midnight is a Place

A shadowy but uplifting family adventure

THE ever-popular New Forest-based Forest Forge Theatre Company present their new winter touring production of Joan Aitken's children's novel, 'Midnight is a Place'.

Inside the gloomy Midnight Court, Lucas Bell and Anna-Marie Murgatroyd live under the stewardship of Sir Randolph, owner of Blastburn's dangerous carpet factory. When a mysterious fire forces them onto the icy streets they face danger at every turn. Surviving in the snow can be a tricky business but Lucas and Anna-Marie's friendship helps them discover what is needed to build a happy home, and how a pie can change family history!

Following the success of The Wolves of Willoughby Chase in 2010, Forest Forge revisits this classic tale by one of Britain's best-loved children's authors. This riveting adaptation is both vibrant and imaginative and suitable for those aged 5 plus. Join us as we return to Blastburn with a shadowy but uplifting family adventure, accompanied by

original music and all the features of a Forest Forge family winter show.

Forest Forge bring Midnight is a Place to Winfrith Village Hall on Saturday, January 12th at 7.30pm (for more details and tickets call 01305 851749), and Litton Cheney Village Hall, on Friday, January 18th (01308 482748).



# TOO SCARED TO LEAVE THE HOUSE

Lee Hurst comes to Bridport on first proper tour in ten years!

LEE HURST is back on the road folks! After a ten-year absence and a few warm up dates, Lee is properly back on the road. Having kicked off in Trowbridge in September, Lee's brand new show *Too Scared To Leave The House* will tour up and down the country until April 2013, stopping off in Bridport this January.

Former star of BBC's *They Think It's All Over*, Lee will cast his comedy eyes over the many end-of-the-world scare stories from Acid Rain and Global Warming to Bird Flu and Mad Cow Disease. He will muse over the everyday dangers that face us in our daily lives. Lee believes you have a choice, stay indoors clutching a Ray Mears book or go out and laugh in the face of doom.

Lee has taken time out during his 40's to run his Backyard Comedy Club in the East End of London, but with his fiftieth Birthday around the corner, he can't wait to get back on the road and connect with his UK audience again. Fans have already communicated their excitement through social networking and members of the younger generation are now discovering him through their parents.

Recently Lee has added 'Building Developer' to his CV. He demolished his comedy club in Bethnal Green and he is developing

the site into a seven storey hotel. Once completed Lee will re-open his Backyard Comedy Club on the ground floor along with a bar/pub.

Lee Hurst will perform at Bridport's Electric Palace on Saturday, January 26th. Doors open 6.30pm for 8pm start. Tickets cost £12 (plus booking fee) and are available online at [www.seetickets.com](http://www.seetickets.com) or by calling the box office on 424901.

Lee Hurst



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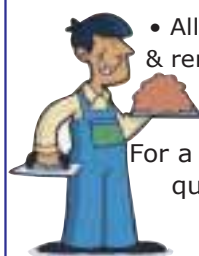
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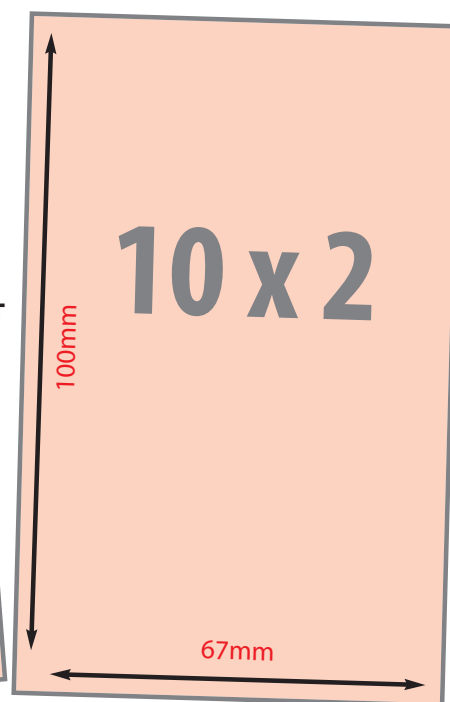
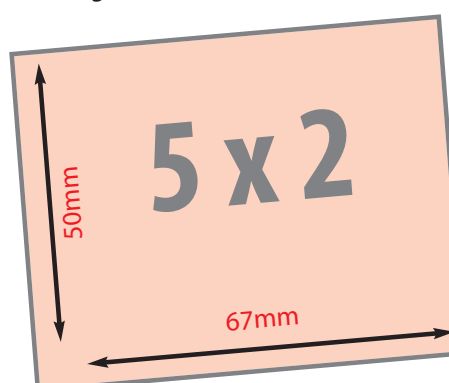
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## New Kia Sorento wins special award from Total 4x4

- Sorento wins "Most Improved" award
- Sorento's third win in a row
- "Only an all-new Range Rover could prevent third category win" – Editor says

THE new Kia Sorento has picked up its third Total 4x4 magazine award in a row with a special award for being the "Most Improved" contender.

Launched in the UK and Europe in September, the Sorento has a long list of improvements including a new platform, revised engines, enhanced interior quality and a

smarter, more modern look.

Total 4x4 have twice previously given the Sorento top honours in the "Full-Size" category, but this year it just lost out to the all-new Range Rover.

Editor Alan Kidd said: "The Sorento has won its class in each of the last two years, beating a whole range of premium opposition in the

process. This year's upgrades move it closer than ever to becoming a premium SUV itself; we didn't have many criticisms of the old model, but Kia has addressed every single one of them.

"The Sorento was already one of the best 4x4s on the market; now it's better than ever, and by a long way. Nothing less than an all-new Range Rover could stop it from completing a hat-trick of class wins, and that says a lot about just how good Kia has become at making world-class 4x4s," he added.

Kia Motors (UK) Limited President and CEO Paul Philpott responded: "Sorento has won friends and plaudits throughout its history and we knew just how improved the all-new version is. I am delighted that Total 4x4 continue to agree with us and I don't even mind the fact that it takes something as remarkable as the highly-praised new Range Rover to see us unseated from that top spot.

"Kia's commitment to developing, designing and producing real cars for real people is unquestioned – so I know we shall be looking to win that crown back. And soon!" he added.

The Sorento range comes only with a 2.2 litre turbo-diesel engine and a host of emission-reducing and fuel-stretching features. Available with a choice of manual or automatic transmissions and seven seats as standard the Sorento range starts at £26,495. Kia's industry-leading, fully transferable seven year warranty is also a standard fitment and owners can fix their running costs three years servicing and MOT for just £379.

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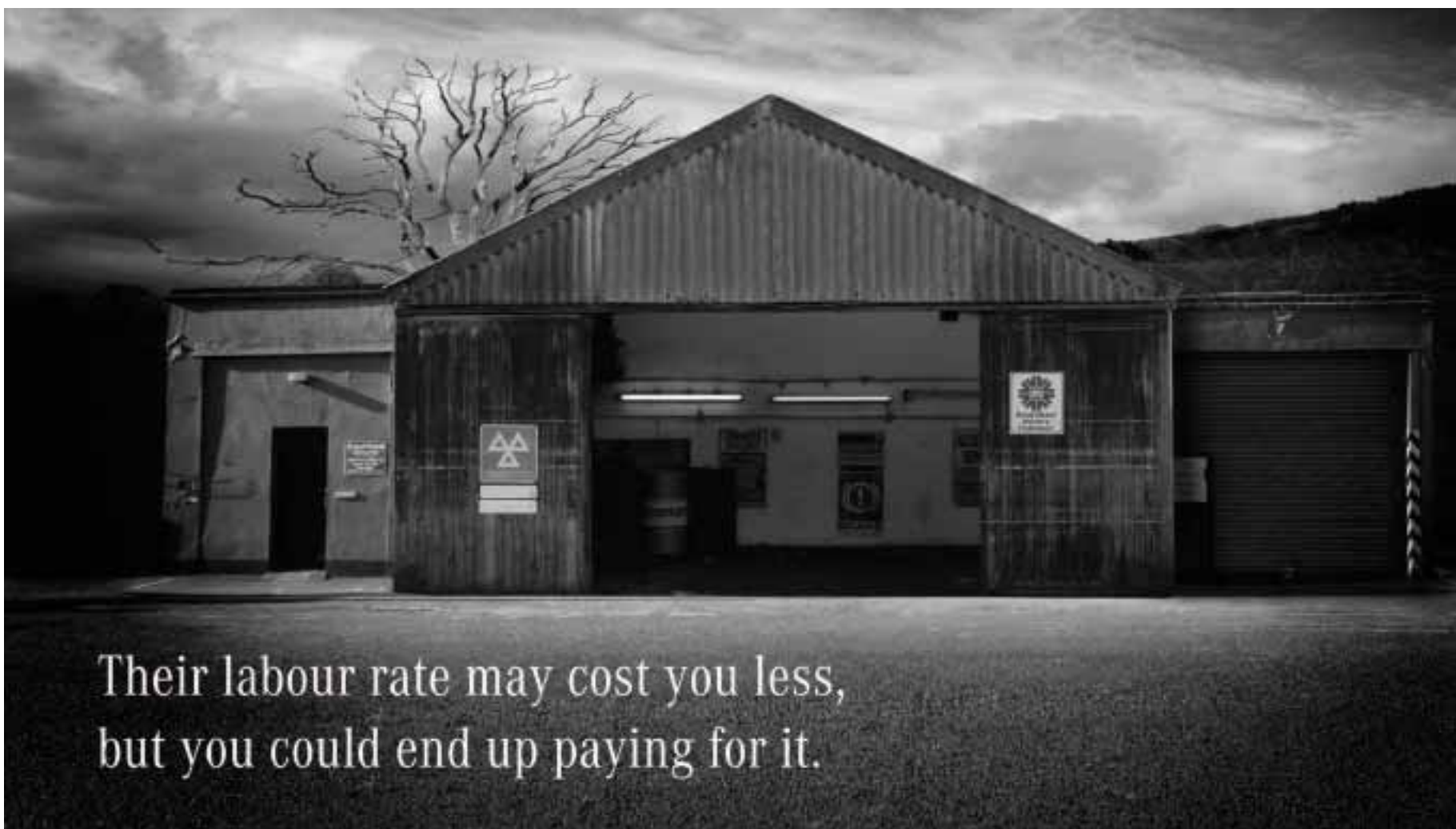
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## BMW reveals new version of popular Z4 roadster, for March 2013

- New entry-level BMW Z4 sDrive18i joins range
- Striking Pure Traction Design package revealed
- Enhanced level of standard equipment

BMW has revealed a new version of the popular Z4 roadster which will go on sale in March, 2013 – 80 years after we first offered such an exciting concept. Currently BMW's only two seat drop-top to be offered, the BMW Z4 now comes with a new entry-level sDrive18i, while at the same time the Pure Traction Design package boasts a level of sophistication and high specification not seen on a Z4 before.

The new BMW Z4 sDrive18i engine heralds a new entry point into BMW Z4 ownership. Priced from £27,610 OTR this new derivative uses a de-tuned version of an existing 2.0-litre four-cylinder twin-scroll turbocharged engine. Producing 156hp at 5,000rpm from its 1,997cc powerplant the car is capable of zero to 62mph time of 7.9 seconds before going on to a top speed of 137mph. It manages to do this while still recording 41.5mpg and emissions of just

159g/km.

Some of the existing engines have also received enhancements to improve their overall performance. The BMW Z4 sDrive20i comes with a 184hp engine that achieves 41.5mpg and 159g/km CO2. The model is the most popular derivative of Z4 currently accounting for 80 per cent of sales.

Further up the range and the four-cylinder twin-scroll turbocharged sDrive28i, and the six-cylinder twin-turbocharged sDrive35i and the sDrive35is offer customers greater performance courtesy of their respective 245hp, 306hp and 340hp power outputs. All cars are rated at an electronically-limited 155mph top speed.

Transmitting the power to the road is a six-speed manual gearbox as standard. Customers can also specify an eight-speed automatic with gear shift paddles located on the steering wheel, while buyers of the BMW Z4 sDrive35is have a seven-speed Double Clutch Transmission, again with gear shift paddles, as standard.

### EfficientDynamics

All of the latest BMW Z4s come as standard with facets of BMW's award-winning EfficientDynamics programme. Technologies that improve engine performance while enhancing economy and cutting emissions include Brake Energy Regeneration, Electric Power Steering with Servotronic, Reduced Rolling Resistance Tyres, on-demand control of the engine's ancillaries and Optimum Shift Indicator on man-

ual transmission cars. The BMW Z4 also adheres to a philosophy of lightweight construction with the front suspension and subframe being largely made from aluminium.

### A new look

Design wise the winning formula of the BMW Z4 styling has only had minor enhancements mid-life. The headlights now include white LED corona rings and a white 'eyebrow' with additional chrome detailing, while in profile the side gill features chrome detailing and LED side repeater lights.

Building on the striking looks of the BMW Z4 is the introduction of the Pure Traction Design package. Available exclusively in Valencia Orange with an optional black contrast roof the model also comes with Sport seats in Alcantara and leather with contrast stitching, Anthracite headlining and a unique metal weave interior trim. Should a customer wish to have another exterior colour this can be offered though. The Pure Traction Design package costs from £550 up to £2,240 depending on the model within the Z4 range it is order on. SE and M Sport derivatives will continue to be offered.

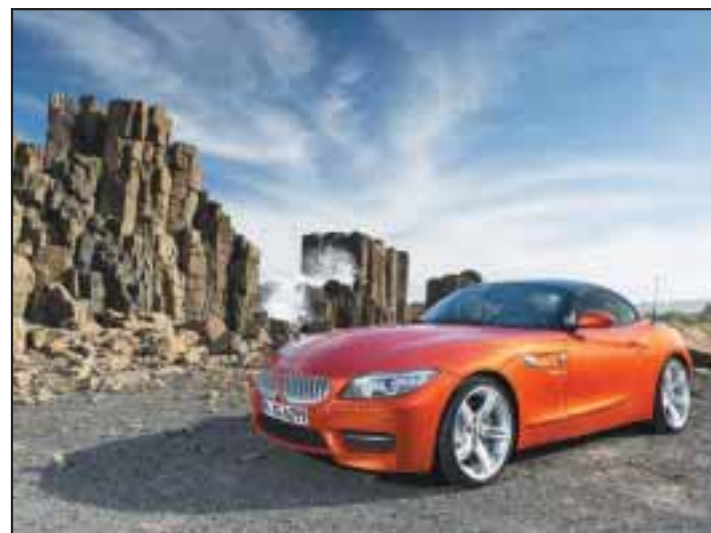
Standard equipment across all models now includes DAB radio, Xenon headlights, Bluetooth, USB connectivity and Sport multi-function steering wheel. All models apart from the new entry-level sDrive18i SE come with Kansas leather upholstery as standard. Three new colours of Mineral Grey, Glacier Silver and Valencia Orange are offered while two new styles of alloy wheel, 17-inch and an 18-inch V-spoke styling wheel are available.

These enhancements build on an already strong offering. The BMW Z4 was the first roadster in BMW's history to come with a two-piece, electro-hydraulically operated Retractable Hard-Top roof that can be raised or lowered in 20 seconds at speeds of up to 20mph. The new roadster was also the first vehicle to be offered with Adaptive M Suspension. Electronically controlled dampers offer three different configurations while the ride height is lowered by 10mm for a more

dynamic drive.

The standard Drive Performance Control function was another first and this allows the driver to alter, depending on model specification, the throttle and steering response, level of ride comfort, Dynamic Stability Control response and, on automatic or Double Clutch Transmission cars, gear change times.

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▲ The new BMW Z4



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## The Islanders ease past Parley to gain top spot

### DORSET FOOTBALL ROUND-UP WITH WILL MOWBRAY

**ONLY one game in the whole of the Dorset league fixture survived the adverse weather conditions. All teams return to action this weekend in the hope of better conditions.**

#### Dorset Premier League Portland Utd 4 Parley Sports 1

THE only League game to survive the adverse weather conditions was at Portland where conditions were first class. The hosts took full advantage to move top of the Dorset Premier league when they repeated their League Cup success over their visitors from Parley Sports. The Islanders had a 3-0 lead at the break, this despite missing many more, with their strikes coming from Lewis Whyton, Carl Mutch and an own goal from Dan Stone. In the second period Parley reduced the ar-

rears with a goal from Kane Andrews while Carl Mutch added his second and Portland's fourth to give his side their thirteenth League win, and their ninth league and league cup match without defeat, as they move two points clear at the top with two games in hand.

### FIXTURES

**Saturday, January 5th 2013**

#### DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

Cranborne v Wincanton Town  
Hamworthy Rec v Weymouth FC Reserves  
Hamworthy Utd Res v Sherborne Town  
Holt United v Poole Borough  
Merley Cobham Sports v Bridport Res  
Parley Sports v Blandford United  
Shaftesbury Town v Swanage Town & H  
Tintinhull v Chickerell United  
Wareham Rangers v Portland United

#### SENIOR LEAGUE

Blandford United Res v Witchampton  
Kingston Lacy v Stourpaine  
Mere Town v Okeford United  
Portland United Res v Sturminster Mars  
Sturminster United v Gillingham Town Res  
Upwey & Broadway v Piddletrenthide  
Weymouth Sports v Westland Sports

#### LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Bere Regis v Bridport A  
Corfe Mullen United v South Cheriton.  
Kangaroos v Milborne Sports  
Poole Borough Res v Chickerell Utd Res  
Swanage Town & H v Poundbury Rovers  
Wincanton Town Res v Merley Cob Res

#### DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

AFC Cobham v Dorchester Sports  
Corfe Castle v Weymouth Spartans  
Gillingham Town A v Donhead United  
Ship Inn Wool v Portland Town  
The Balti House v Shaftesbury Town Res  
Wyke Regis SC v Sturminster Newton Res

#### DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Handley Sports v Stalbridge  
Maiden Newton & Cat v Bere Regis Res  
Stickland United v Owermoigne  
Sturminster Marshall Res v Lytchett RT  
The Belvedere v Piddlehinton United

#### DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Bishops Caundle v Littlemoor  
Portland Town Res v Corfe Mullen Utd Res  
Puddletown v AFC Blandford  
United FC Poundbury v Mere Town Res  
Weymouth Spartans Res v Cranborne Res

#### DORSET LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE

Broadstone FC Res v Handley Sports Res  
Kangaroos Res v Marnhull  
Lytchett RT Youth v Portland Town A  
Milborne Sports Res v Wellworthy  
Pimperne Sports v Swanage Town A

### YOUTH (UNDER18s)

**Sunday, January 6th 2013**

#### DIVISION ONE

Broadstone Athletic v Bournemouth Pop  
Dorchester Town v Poole Borough  
Parley Sports v Wimborne Town  
Sherborne Town v Hamworthy United

#### DIVISION TWO

Bournemouth Poppies v Wimborne Town  
Greenridge v Sturminster Marshall  
Merley Cobham Sports v Rossgasrth  
Sherborne Colts v Lytchett RT  
Swanage Town & Herston v Chickerell Utd

#### DIVISION THREE

Oakmedians v Rossgarth Colts  
Portland Town v Corfe Castle  
Portland Town v Poole Town FC Wessex  
Shaftesbury Town v Merley Cobham  
South Cheriton v Dorchester Magpies

## Portland Amateur Boxing Club

# Magnificent Seven: *Fanastic evening of boxing*

PORTLAND Amateur Boxing Club put on a fantastic night of boxing with all their boxers winning on their home dinner show on, December 8th.

Seven local boxers were involved including three skills bouts for which there is no winner.

First up was the club's youngest ever boxer Archie Nash, who at 10 years old was having his first skills bout with Blandford's James Stockwell.

Both boys gave it their all and Nash, the younger and lighter of the two boys showed great strength and courage beyond his years in a fantastic, evenly matched bout.

Next was 11-year-old Derry McNulty who is Portland's first ever female junior boxer in a skills bout against Emily Watt from Heart of Devon ABC. McNulty showed tremendous courage and determination in a brilliant bout against an aggressive opponent, showing great footwork and an excellent defence, and didn't stop going for-



■ **TALENTED:** Wakefield (left) unanimously over-came Harry Bryant with a wonderful display.

ward the whole bout. Her skilful performance earned her the trophy for Junior Boxer of the night by Portland's new sponsor AAA Transport. The last skills bout saw Portland's Kyle Baldwin against Mitchell Turner from Barnstable. The two junior heavyweights stood toe to toe for three rounds in a highly competitive bout. Baldwin really showed that his hard work and great attitude to training has paid off and he is ready to progress on to a competitive schoolboy bout.

The first schoolboy bout was between Portland's Taylor Wakefield and Harry Bryant of Trowbridge ABC. The Islander put on a fantastic performance showing real heart and determination in a fiercely fought contest that ended in a unanimous win for Wakefield.

One of the dinner guests was so impressed with Wakefield that he has offered him sponsorship to help him progress in the sport.

Portland's Kane Hamilton faced tricky southpaw

Kane Wildman of Camborne and Redruth, but Hamilton using his superior skill and with a dominant third round gained the Islanders their second win of the night.

Heavyweight Sean Hernshaw who was matched against Joe Peach from Torbay was a real crowd pleaser, showing remarkable movement and accurate punching in a dominant display that resulted in another win for the unbeaten boxer.

Topping the bill was Portland's Aran Thomas against hard-hitting Francis Lynn from Priorwood ABC. These experienced boxers put on an excellent display, with Thomas dominating the first three rounds.

Despite Lynn throwing everything he had in the last round, Thomas picked up the win on all three judge's scorecards, his performance earning him the award for Best Senior boxer of the night by



■ **TOO GOOD:** Aran Thomas defeated Francis Lynn and recieved an award for 'Best Senior Boxer of the night



■ **YOUNGEST EVER:** Archie Nash was first up and claimed victory as Portlands youngest ever boxer.

AAA Transport.

Connor Merson missed out on his debut for Portland when his opponent went home ill before his bout. It was disappointing for Merson, but he can look forward to boxing in the New Year.

Head Coach and Secretary Andy Hamilton said: "I am so proud of all the boxers. Their hard work and dedication to training shone through with amazing performances by everyone. We are lucky to have a brilliant team and the future looks bright."

Portland ABC would like to thank all their sponsors and everyone who contributed to the show to make it a wonderful night for the boxers and all their supporters.

The club are always keen to hear from those wanting to come along and have a go at boxing. See their website for details [www.portlandabc.org.uk](http://www.portlandabc.org.uk).



■ **CHAMPION:** Derry McNulty showed excellent determination to over-come an aggressive Emily Watt.



## DORCHESTER BOXING

# Tough encounter for Dorch boxers

### Eastleigh ABC Open Tournament

**AARON Gough** from Dorchester showed good tactics as he stalked his opponent Jack Cooper from the Cooper Boys ABC, but was forced to retire with a damaged hand.

Gough showed the better work as he rocked Cooper early on in round one in a fast but good natured encounter, and in round two saw Aaron hit his opponent under pressure, giving him a black eye.

However, he seemed to

have lost the spirit of making a good scrap of it and stopped defending himself properly when the referee stepped in and stopped the fight, which later showed he was boxing with a damaged hand.

Jack's win seemed less creditable when the Referee stepped in and waved the bout off only to discover that Aaron was boxing with a damaged hand.

Ben Geyser ringside said: "We all wish Aaron well and a speedy recovery; this is a real blow to the club. Aaron was

fast becoming a good boxer, eager to spar and take on all members."

**Sol Gilday-Evans** was matched with Jamie Parker also from the Cooper Boys Gym.

Parker's attack from the start saw an angry exchange of combinations of fists and uppercuts which was well matched by Gilday-Evans whose south paw jabbing and left crosses controlled the early exchanges.

Round two saw Gilday-Evans break Parker's rhythm with classy left and right

hooks to body and head.

But towards the end of the second with the Dorchester boxer well ahead on points, Parker pulled out a hard right that momentarily halted Gilday-Evans to the delight of the home town.

The final round saw Parker with renewed confidence attack again, but Gilday-Evans responded with cracking eye-catching shots that sent Parker's head back.

Although Gilday-Evans was looking to have every chance of causing a real upset, it was Parker that was given the

points verdict.

Mark Sheldon and Pete Ewan, new coaches at the Dorchester club said: "All the boxers showed courage; their fitness and skills were impeccable. Thank you all for the hard work that you have put in."

"We'd like to also thank our supporters, especially Synergy Housing who paid for our ABA Coach courses, and the 600-strong crowd who created such a great supportive atmosphere in our last show of the season."



■ **A GOOD START:** Dorchester's Luke Derryman (black vest) pictured with opponent Dominic Willis and the host Mayor at the recent Avalon tournament.



■ **WHACK:** Dorchester's Aaron Gough (black vest) lands a right hand on opponent Jack Cooper. Gough was later forced to retire with a damaged hand.

## YOUTH CRICKET

# Double for Weymouth youngsters

### Weymouth U10 85-5 beat Portland 80-2 by 5 runs

WEYMOUTH got off to a positive start with openers Charlie Price (12) and Tom Anderson (21) punishing any short or wayward bowling with an impressive opening stand of 42 before Price fell to direct hit from Jessica Riley.

Portland soon followed up with another superb run-out and William Cotter clean bowled H Edge (12) as the run rate slowed against fine bowling backed up by impressive fielding.

Peter Sappworth (13) added some quick runs in the final over as Weymouth closed on 85-5.

Portland's reply got off to a slow start against some fine line and length bowling and after five overs they had struggled to 29 despite not losing a wicket.

With the loss of Cotter (11), incoming batsman Owen Harrison (20) set about increasing the run rate with excellent

shot placement and fine running between the wickets.

Captain Owen Lovett Portland mom (27 no) played his part as Portland entered the last over needing 26 for victory.

With 17 runs scored off the first four balls the match was on a knife edge and a five from Charlie Durant (9no) left only four runs required.

An accurate ball from Alfie Sappworth and an athletic stop in the field resulted in a dot ball as Weymouth gained their first victory of the season in dramatic style.

### Weymouth U12 128 - 3 beat Portland 127-2 by 3 wkts

IN another thriller the match went down to the last ball as Weymouth opened their account with their first win of the season.

Asked to bat, Portland's openers Joe Adkins (27no) and Owen Lovett (21)

produced an opening stand of 71 in just 4.2 overs before Lovett was run-out by a direct hit.

Incoming batsman Charlie Durant produced some clever shots in an excellent innings of 22 before being cleaned bowled by J Sappworth.

Owen Harrison (25 no) and William Cotter (4no) took the game to the Weymouth's bowlers in the last couple of overs with excellent shot selection and running as Portland closed on a challenging 127-2.

Weymouth's reply got off to a slow start against Adkins (2-0-9-1) and Lovett (2-0-10-1) accounting for P Sappworth (11) and T Anderson for a duck as Portland looked to apply early pressure.

The introduction of C.Price (42no) and J.Sappworth (43no) swung the game in Weymouth's favour as the two punished any wayward bowling with classic stroke play and placement.

They did not have it all their own way

however as Portland kept the pressure up with a good display in the field which left 29 needed off the last over.

Sappworth drove the first ball straight to the back wall for eight.

He then accumulated another 17 runs aided by some wayward throws off the next four balls that left four needed off the last ball.

Another well placed shot and Weymouth had broken their duck for the season in an absolute thriller that had kept a good crowd on the edge off the seats.

League Coordinator Grant Neven summed it up: "Wow what better advert for junior cricket could there be?"

"Both games ebbed this way and that, produced cricket of the highest order and the sportsmanship was outstanding."

"Every single player gave their all and kept the crowd on their feet throughout. I take my hat off to you all."

## WPNSA to host annual Handicap Regatta

WEYMOUTH and Portland National Sailing Academy are excited to introduce a new event starting in 2013, the 'WPNSA Annual Handicap Regatta' inspired by the Games events held at Weymouth and Portland this year.

This event will provide the opportunity for competitors to race on Olympic waters and have access to support from Olympic class coaches.

The new event, scheduled to take place on the August Bank Holiday weekend has been designed to combine coaching, fleet and handicap racing on the very special waters used for the Games events.

On Friday, August 23rd entrants will have access to top Olympic coaches prior to their weekend of racing, followed by three handicapped races per day on the same course inclusive of all classes, giving many competitors the opportunity to race in a big fleet.

On the Bank Holiday Monday an all classes pursuit race will be held, run under the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick handicap scheme.

The objectives of a pursuit race allows boats of different classes to race together, starting at different times with the intention of them all crossing the finish line together on the Olympic Medal Race Course at the Nothe.

This type of racing can be extremely exciting and provide the opportunity to be involved in close racing against other classes.

WPNSA is pleased to be partnering with SailRacer to develop this new event. SailRacer will be delivering the event web platform from online entry and innovative online sports presentation to allow spectators to follow all the live action over the Summer Bank Holiday.

Arrangements have been made with SailLaser, Weymouth, the on-site sailing school, for a range of boats to be chartered.

These will include Lasers, Laser 2000s, Picos, Vagos, Stratos and Bahias for people without their own boats locally to take part in the racing - it will also give 'rusty sailors' who have sailed in the past, but don't currently have their own boat to participate in a fun event on the waters that hosted the sailing superstars of the Olympics and Paralympics.

The weekend of competition will be accompanied by on-shore social activities with a 'sailing festival' atmosphere. Stands from various partaking classes will be situated on site for the duration of the event promoting their class to current and potential new members.

John Tweed, Chief Executive of the WPNSA, commented: "We are really looking forward to the Annual Handicap Regatta, it is designed to be accessible to as many classes as possible, and provide an enjoyable but still competitive weekend sailing and racing on Olympic waters. There will be a WPNSA Regatta Cup awarded and the event will not be one-off, but be part of a programme to ensure there is a continuing and lasting legacy in Dorset and the United Kingdom."

Please refer to the Notice of Race on how to register for the event.

## Kenyan elections means all change for Grant

PORTLAND cricketer and Dorset coach Grant Neven is determined to continue his fund raising visit to Africa in February to help raise awareness to AIDS and to coach local people to play cricket despite a clash with the Kenyan elections which have been called for the same time.

Neven who coaches Portland Red Triangle and is their 2nd XI captain was due to visit Kenya as part of a volunteer group of ten coaches from Cricket Without Boundaries, a UK cricket development and AIDS awareness charity which is run almost entirely by the dedication and enthusiasm of its volunteers, but because of the elections they will now travel to Uganda.

The charity has two main goals; to spread cricket through coaching children and teaching adults how to coach; and linking the sport to HIV/AIDS awareness and incorporating these messages into every day coaching sessions.

He has to raise £2,000 for the trip and has already made a solid start with a 24hr Cricketathon which raised almost £350.

He is hoping to add to that total on January 4th with Stumpy's Cricket Tea and Quiz at the Royal Dorset Yacht Club in Weymouth from 7.30pm onwards. Entry is by donation.

Neven who goes by the nickname "Stumpy" said: "I personally have had great pleasure in both playing and coaching cricket for a number of years and feel that CWB will give me the opportunity to transfer some of that feel good factor into helping to spread awareness of HIV/AIDS."

For those who cannot make any of the fund raising events, you can still donate at [justgiving.com/garnt-neven](http://justgiving.com/garnt-neven) or contact Grant on 07887943621.



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# Terras full value for impressive victory

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WEYMOUTH completed their sixth win on the trot with a convincing win over St Neots Town at the Bob Lucas Stadium of Saturday.

After a pedestrian performance against Bashley on Boxing Day, Weymouth produced a sparkling second half performance that sees them now occupy a play-off place in the Evo-stik South Premier Division.

Manager Brendon King was forced to make one change with Kyle Critchell replacing Stephen Reed who felt unwell and occupied the bench, and the former Dorchester defender soon made his mark in the eighth minute, sending a fierce header just over the bar from Scott Walker's corner.

St Neots Town, themselves title contenders still despite a recent poor run, responded with Gavin

Hoyte forcing Simon Evans to dive low to his left to keep out his header from Lewis Hilliard's corner.

Mark Ford almost gave the Terras the lead in 17 minutes when hetoe-poked his effort over the advancing Jack Giddens but also just over the crossbar.

The visitors took the lead against the run of play on 25 minutes when they broke quickly down the right. Skipper Dan Jacob's low cross found Ade Yusuff who completely miskicked and left Evans stranded as Craig Calver had the easy task of slotting home at the far post.

Jacob became the sinner four minutes later when he fouled Ford and Walker curled an exquisite 25-yard left foot shot inside Giddens' right hand post for the equaliser.

The Terras skipper almost repeated the feat on 41 minutes after Hoyte fouled Ford, but this time his free-kick cannoned into Giddings

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chest before the ball was hooked away to safety.

The Saints had a great chance to level six minutes after the break but Yusuff with a free header from Calver's clever cross headed over the top from close range.

Ford almost broke through the visitors defence but was finally forced away at the expense of a corner before he put Weymouth ahead on 56 minutes.

Receiving the ball on the right hand side of the box he appeared unable to decide what to do as he searched for an opening before firing a low shot under Giddens and just inside the near post.

Just after the hour Dan Smith replaced Craig Duff and he immediately set about mesmerising the

Saints defence with some scintillating runs as Weymouth started to take command of the match.

Critchell showed some neat footwork inside the penalty box but was finally blocked for a corner from which Giddens produced a reaction save from Ben Joyce who flicked on Palmer's shot.

It was virtually one way traffic and in 80th minute Critchell fed Ford who held off a defender but could only find the side netting with his shot.

The worry was that St Neots might breakaway and equalise, but eight minutes from the end Weymouth sealed the points when Walker's free-kick found Palmer at the far post and his header back gave Sam Poole the easiest task to nod home on the line.

Ford almost added another late on but Giddens got down well to hold on to his low shot.

King was delighted with his side's performance that sees the Terras move into fifth position but is under no illusions that it can go on forever.

"The law of averages says that it's going to come to an end sometime; that's six on the run and nine wins in 11.

"I thought that might be today to be honest because we went one down and were a little lethargic but it was a workmanlike performance and once we got our noses in front we controlled the game.

"We need to be a bit more ruthless but our second-half performance was outstanding."

Referring to Mark Ford he said: "We know Mark Ford can score goals but what's pleasing me more is his all-round game and that has really shown over the last few games, whilst they couldn't live with Dan Smith when he came on."



**■ BEAUTY:** Weymouth skipper Scott Walker's 25-yard free-kick beats St Neots' keeper Jack Giddens for the equaliser in Saturday's 3-1 victory.  
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